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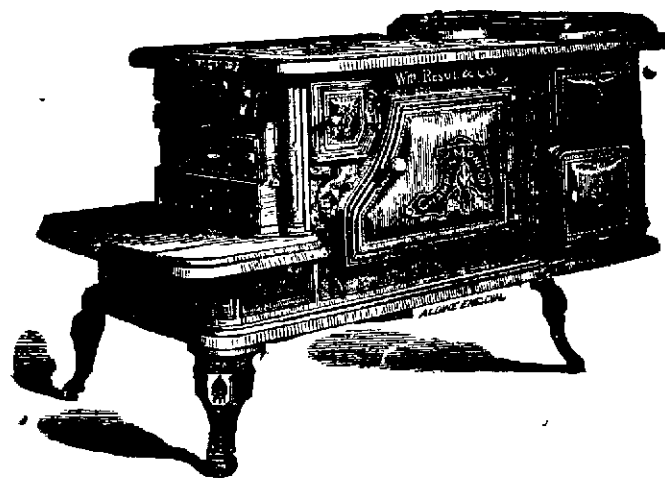
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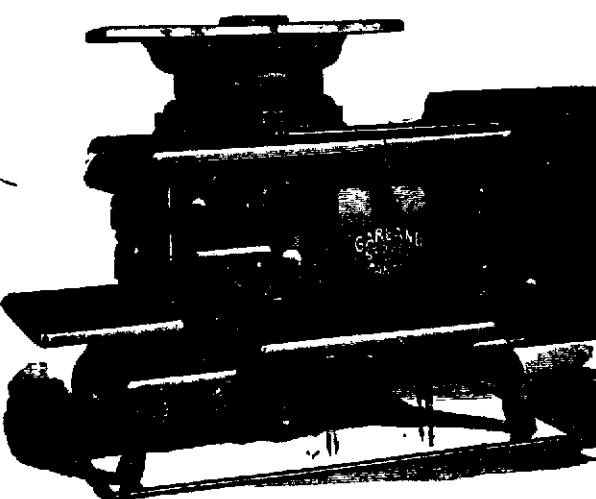
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THURSDAY EVE, FEB. 4, 1886

### LOCAL NEWS.

A HANDSOME line of colored and decorated fancy glassware for presents, now on sale at

E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.

ATTEND the revivals to-night.

"SKIPPED by the Light of the Moon."

The colored revival at the A. M. E. church is booming.

SHOWAN seats for the comedy Saturday night.

THE aldermen hope to settle the street-paving ordinance question Friday night.

ASK all leading grocers for Hatfield & Co.'s celebrated White Foam family flour.

SEATS are now selling for Baker and Farron Saturday night.

AN Cairo Bert Moriwether captured several first premiums on Wyandotte chickens.

THE Will L. Smith Bell Ringers and Comic Concert company are playing at Parsons, Kansas, this week.

SHOWAN for every act of their play is carried by Baker and Farron.

SHUTOUT fine family groceries at Peter Ullrich's store, also buckwheat flour and fine fruits.

OWN thermometer marked 18 degrees below zero this morning, and still the work of setting the electric light poles goes on.

YOUR an get the best Hard Coal in town at the North Water street Coal Yard. Telephone 139. Jan29-dlw

ANDREW SHARP, from Indiana, will put up a building at Argenta and open a store, carrying a general stock of goods.

GO to D. S. Shellbarger & Co.'s for Flour, Meal and all kinds of Mill Feed. 63-dit

W. D. MATTHEWS, Republican, was elected mayor of Jacksonville yesterday by a majority of 488 over E. L. McDonald, Democrat.

ASK for D. S. Shellbarger & Co.'s Roller Process Pearl corn meal; guaranteed superior to any made in the state. 73-dit

GO. W. BAIN got \$70 at Bloomington for delivering two prohibition speeches, one of which he gave on Sunday afternoon, so he did in Decatur.

A FINE concert will be given at Stapp's Chapel on Thursday evening, February 25th.

THE Electric people have contracted with C. Ammann for the necessary brick for the tower foundations. About 55,000 have been purchased at about \$6.50 a thousand. They are mostly soft brick, sufficiently hard for the purpose.

GIVE Hanks & Patterson, the South Water street grocers, a call for groceries and fresh butter.

THE next Practical Talk at the Y. M. C. A. rooms will be on February 15, not the 5th, as was announced in some of the papers. It will be a science talk with practical experiments, by Prof. Conrad.

LATCH and grow fat at the Opera House Saturday night. The favorite comedians, Baker & Farron, in their new comedy, "A Soap Bubble."

SHILLABARGER & Co.'s White Loaf and Daily Bread brand still takes the lead. For sale by all dealers and at our mills. 73-dit

THE revival meeting in progress at the German Methodist church has been very encouraging thus far. There have been about a dozen conversions and as many have united with the church. Rev. Bader is in charge.

IF you want the Best Soft Coal sold in this market, Lump or nut, and nicely screened, call on Caldwell, the live coal dealer. Jan29-dit

AT the meeting of the directors of the Decatur Club held last night, Hon. F. E. Bryant, of Mount Pleasant, was elected an honorary member of the club, in recognition of his faithful services to Decatur in her efforts to secure the Soldiers' Home.

Mr. Bryant fought for Decatur to the last, and our people delight to honor him.

ORDERS for Decatur coal taken at the bank or at Armstrong's drug store. Orders promptly filled. Terms cash. 17-dit

WE do not sound a needless alarm when we tell you that the taint of scrofula is in your blood. Inherited or acquired, it is there, and Ayer's Sarsaparilla alone will effectually eradicate it.

TELEPHONE to Niedermeyer on the Mount for California canned fruits and table supplies.

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THE Social Literary Circle will meet to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Mrs. J. M. Marie, No. 620 East North street. Subject for lesson: Fitz Green Hallcock and Joseph Rodman Drake.

TELEPHONE to J. W. Baker at F. O. Book Store for clean Decatur coal. 34-dit

F. D. CALDWELL, the live coal dealer, has just received a choice article of Lackawanna Hard Coal, bright, clean and nicely screened (all sizes). Jan29-dit

CHURCH, WHOOPING COUGH and Bronchitis immediately relieved by Shiloh's Cure. Sold by S. M. Irwin and C. F. Shilling, druggists.

THERE was a successful "surprise" on Miss Hattie Black, South Water street, last evening, planned by Mrs. Elmer Miller. A fine supper was served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Miller, Misses Nora Radloff, Emily Hamsher, Gertrude Whitsett, Grace Stafford, and Messrs. Harry Bumstead, John Patterson, Frank Evans, John Murphy, Leo Heilbrun and O. Eriksen.

STOR at C. B. Prosser's music parlor and get a bargain in Haines Bros pianos, the best you can get in the world.

SHILOH'S VITALIZER is what you need for Constipation, Loss of Appetite, Diarrhea, and all symptoms of Dyspepsia. Price 25 cents per bottle. Sold by S. M. Irwin and C. F. Shilling, druggists.

THE latest production of the manufacturers of the celebrated Peninsular Stoves and Ranges is the Novel Peninsular Cook Stove. A stove entirely new in design and construction, besides embodying all the good features of many of the old cook stoves now on the market. It has added many new ones making it the most complete and convenient stove yet produced. Call and see it before you buy. Manufacturers, Wm. & Co.

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SMALLWOOD FLOYD.

Mid-day Marriage in Mt. Zion Township To-Day.

The nuptials of Mr. Joseph B. Smallwood, of this city, and Miss Laura E. Floyd, niece of Mrs. F. A. Leforge, were celebrated this afternoon at 12:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Floyd, in Mt. Zion township. The marriage ceremony was spoken by Rev. D. E. May, of the Methodist circuit, and was witnessed by a large company of friends, among whom were Jesse Leforge and family, F. A. Leforge and family, Miss Nellie Carter and Miss Maggie Leforge, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smallwood, of Decatur. A fine wedding dinner was served. Mr. Smallwood and bride will be "at home" to friends in Decatur at their residence, on South Main street, on Monday next. The Republican offers its warmest congratulations to Joe and his bride, and wishes for them a long life of happiness.

Linked for Life.

Mr. John H. Meyer, a young farmer, and Miss Margaret Himighefer, late of Belleville, were united in marriage today (Feb. 4) between 12 and 1 o'clock by Ira B. Curtis, J. P., at his office. The groom is a son of Mr. Henry Meyer, living 3 1/2 miles northwest of Decatur, where the couple will reside. May their married life be one of perpetual sunshine.

30 Seekers—23 Converts.

The Harrison meetings continue to act as a magnet, drawing together great throngs of the idle, the curious and the earnest. If there is any change, it is that anxiety grows and interest deepens until it bids fair to make a clean sweep of Springfield from "and to end." A Song followed song in rapid succession, Harrison making earnest appeals, both general and personal. There were about 30 seekers, and of this number 23 found the Savior.—Springfield Journal, 4th.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Aid. Oakes is still very low.

Ed. Dincock has gone to Champaign and Peoria on a visit.

County Clerk Hardy was able to be in his office to-day.

George Nash, the Boston Bicycle artist, was at the New Deming last night.

Mr. Ben Lanham and Mrs. L. McKinnis, of this city, have been visiting at Mt. Auburn.

William McKee and Miss Layuna Hall, both of Peoria, were granted a marriage license to-day.

Miss Agnes Hussey, the dressmaker, has departed for St. Louis and will be absent until March 1st.

Lewis Race, who has been officiating as book-keeper for the opera house and street car company at Lafayette, came over to attend the reception last night.

Robert A. Garver and Miss Annie Schwegelin, niece of Michael Troutman, will be united in marriage this evening at the home of the groom's father, Dr. W. Garver, in Whitmore township.

Mrs. M. L. Irwin mourns the loss of her pet parrot that came all the way from Brazil. It was frozen to death in the 93 cent store Tuesday night, within 10 feet of the stove.

Happy Hopping admits that he downed all opponents in the apple race at the Bank, but denies that he gave away only seven. The barrel was full, but when he left the rink with the prize, about half the apples had been spirited away by parties unknown—possibly jealous rivals.

Slipped the Teacher.

Quite an episode occurred at Morrisonville on Friday of last week. Dr. D. F. Salander slipped D. F. Fawcett, principal of the school, in the face, for chastising his boy. Fawcett did not resent the slap, only by making a complaint before a magistrate, and compelled Salander to pay a fine.

The Old Reliable.

Griswold & Lewis, at the old stand, on the corner of East Main and Water streets, advertise the well-known Charter Oak stove, with the wonderful wire gauze doors, which add so much to the value of that old and long popular article of kitchen furniture. Read their advertisement in another part of this paper.

Last evening on her way home from the Methodist church, Mrs. C. M. Imboden had the misfortune to lose her \$100 gold watch. A reward is offered for its return. The number of the case is 7604. It is the same watch that a burglar stole from the residence some years ago.

LITTLE MAGGIE MAY, the champion child skater of America, aged 10 years, will be at the rink Friday and Saturday nights. Saturday matinee. All go and skate. 344

THE gas committee and Mr. O'Pierne went out again to-day inspecting the electric light tower site. The one at the corner of North Main and Marietta streets is to be located on the east side of the street, instead of the west side.

MR. JOHN ULLICH is in receipt of a copy of the St. Louis Critic of January 30th, containing an obituary notice, referring to the late Hon. John Ryan. At 9 years of age deceased was left an orphan at his native city, Kilkenny, Ireland. He came to America at the age of 20 and took an active part in politics. Says the Critic: "In the state of Connecticut, where he first resided, he was the cherished friend and political associate of the Democratic leaders in that state, such as Gov. Thos. H. Seymour and Isaac Toumey, Secretary of the Navy under Buchanan. No better evidence of the esteem these leaders had for him, and his own pluck and ability, need be given, than that the months after his removal from Connecticut to Decatur, Ill., he was principally through their influence, appointed postmaster at Decatur, which office he held, with the greatest satisfaction to that community, for some years, and until he had decided to remove to Missouri."

In Memory of J. C. Faris.

HALL OF DECATUR, ILL., O. P. F., February 2, 1886.

WARRIOR, The brave father in his providence has removed from our presence the death of Brother J. C. Faris a worthy brother and devoted husband and father, therefore

Resolved, That we mourn the loss to our lodge and from our midst of the late Brother J. C. Faris, and hereby extend to his bereaved wife and family our fraternal sympathy in this their earthly trial and sorrow, and with words of comfort would cheer them in the thought of a blessed reunion beyond the grave in an eternal sunshine of everlasting life, where death and parting end and worldly troubles cease forever.

B. S. WOODRUFF, W. T. RAGAN, W. T. RAGAN, Committee.

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Rebaked a Juryman.

In open court last evening Judge Smith stated to a jury about to retire to make up a verdict that he had been informed that some member of the regular panel had been guilty of improper conduct while in the jury room, in his talk or manner, that had given serious offense to other jury members who had complained to the court officers. The Judge characterized such alleged conduct as only fit for a brothel, and promised all juryman that in future if anything offensive should occur in the jury room the offender would be promptly dealt with as he deserved. He hoped that he would hear of no similar complaints during the term. A reporter made a few inquiries at once and learned that a juryman who was not in a hurry to agree upon a verdict had told a lot of smutty stories that were considered positively disgusting.

BRILLIANT RECEPTION AND PARTY.

The J. W. Race Mansion the Scene of a Gaiety in Honor of Visiting Guests.

One of the most enjoyable and brilliant parties ever witnessed in Decatur was given at the elegantly appointed home of Mr. J. W. Race on West Main street last night by Mrs. J. W. Race and her daughter, Miss Leah, in honor of Miss Gertrude Buck, of Worcester, England; the Misses Buck, of Chicago; Miss Servis, of St. Louis; Miss Whitcomb, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Miss Duhning, of St. Louis. The company embraced about all members of fashionable Decatur society, all of whom appeared at their best in party dress, the ladies vying with each other in the beauty and attractiveness of their charming costumes. Guests began to arrive in carriages at 8 o'clock and until long after midnight the festivities were kept up within the brilliantly lighted parlors, terpsichorean pleasures being the chief pleasure of the evening, for which the best of music was provided. The superb refreshments were served upon tables attended by colored waiters, the hostess receiving many compliments upon the completeness of all the arrangements for the entertainment of so large a company. Mrs. Race was attired in a rich black silk; Miss Race, blue silk; Miss



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glance. I felt that I must show my  
disgust in my countenance, and per-  
haps meet the eye of the basso as he  
rolled wildly in his socket in sympathy  
with his efforts to control his  
voice. "Perhaps he will not be so bad  
in the other numbers," I thought.

But he was—and worse. As the ser-  
vice progressed and the choir were to  
sing a chorale, the basso seemed to  
get huskier and more disagreeable.  
When I sat down in my room that af-  
ternoon to write my criticism, I had no  
idea of the effect it would have. I  
lecture as he ever probably received  
on paper. Of the other three members  
of the quartette I had nothing but good  
to say, and I censured the directors of  
the church for allowing the efforts of  
three good singers to be rendered use-  
less by an utterly incapable fourth.

I folded my manuscript and sent it  
to the office of my paper, with a note  
to the editor, in which I told him that  
my impressions on the basso were  
strictly justifying of my wretched per-  
formance.

When I read the paper the next day  
and saw that my harsh words had been  
in cold type, I began to feel uncomfort-  
able. I thought of the fierce man with  
the black beard and eyebrows, and  
wondered what I should do if he found  
my criticisms and demanded satisfaction.  
I wished that it had been the tenor  
instead. He was a handsome young man  
with a blonde mustache, from beneath  
which I felt sure no unkind words  
could come. To-day, even if he had  
given him an unmerciful scolding in  
the columns of a newspaper, I  
should not be the least bit afraid of  
him.

But it was no use wishing. The tenor

part had been beautifully rendered,  
and I had not a shadow of excuse to  
censure him.

"Mama," said my younger sister  
Belle, bursting into the room, where I  
was thinking over my troubles, "come  
down stairs, won't you? You have  
been up here all night. Here it is eight  
o'clock in the evening, and you are still  
sitting up here by yourself. You have  
no writing to do for that tiresome  
paper, I know. I don't see why you  
do it at all. Literature is well enough  
in its way, but I think the trouble and  
anxiety must far outweigh the glory  
and amusement."

"Never mind, Belle. Go away. My  
head aches."

"Of course. The old excuse when  
you feel cross. But do come down,  
there's a dear. Papa has brought a  
gentleman home with him, and we  
want music. Mr. Wilton sings."

"No you are not, Mama. You are  
disagreeable. I will go and tell papa  
that you will not come."

"Belle, don't be impertinent. Tell  
papa I will be down in a few min-  
utes."

Pump came a kiss on the end of my  
nose, and Belle danced out of the  
room, reappearing for a minute to say:  
"Oh, by the way, Miss Wilton. You  
are a member of the choir, aren't you?  
The church choir. You must have heard  
him sing yesterday."

"Belle!" I screamed.

But Belle was gone, after firing her  
parting shot.

Now what should I do? If I only  
knew whether Mr. Wilton were the  
black-bearded basso or the blonde-  
moustached tenor! I had a good mind  
not to go down stairs at all. Yet I  
—that would be cowardly. No! I am  
not afraid to write boldly, and I would  
be consistent in my actions. At the  
worst Mr. Wilton would hardly strike  
me, especially with his hands. I might  
be a bit of a terror, but he might not  
even know that I wrote for the papers.  
It was with a beating heart that I put  
the finishing touches to my toilet and  
walked slowly down stairs.

The parlor door was shut, but I  
could hear voices in conversation on  
the other side, among them that of a  
stranger—Mr. Wilton. I tried to dis-  
tinguish the tones, that I might deter-  
mine, if possible, whether they were  
mine, if possible. This is something  
that can very seldom be decided,  
even when the speaker is by your side,  
the singing voice and colloquial tones  
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